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1. INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER GENERATED SURGE OF MOROCCAN MEDIA ATTENTION (REFTEL C), ALTHOUGH COVERAGE OF NEW U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS REMAINED CONSISTENTLY HEAVY SINCE NOVEMBER ELECTION. SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGANS CONTINUE TO TREAT THE ADMINISTRATION VERY FAVORABLY, REFLECTING GOM'S EVIDENT CONFIDENCE THAT US-MOROCCAN RELATIONS WILL REMAIN EXCELLENT. OPPOSITION, PARTICULARLY LEFTIST, PRESS HAS PROVIDED LESS FOCUS. DESPITE SOME BARBS, HOWEVER, EVEN USUALLY CRITICAL EDITORIALISTS HAVE DEFERRED DEFINITIVE JUDGMENTS UNTIL U.S. POLICIES EMERGE MORE CLEARLY.

2. MAIN UNCERTAINTY VOICED HERE HAS BEEN ABOUT FUTURE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD ARAB-ISRAEL SETTLEMENT. ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
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SECRETARY VANCE'S FEBRUARY MIDDLE EAST TRIP HAS REASSURED MOROCCANS OF AT LEAST THE HIGH PRIORITY USG INTENDS TO ASSIGN TO THIS PROBLEM. NEED FOR U.S. EVENHANDEDNESS IS A PERSISTENT THEME OF PRESS COMMENTARY, WITH CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS CALLING FOR FIRMNESS VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS, E.G., ON OIL, OCCASIONALLY RECALLED. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSTRUCTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WIDELY ANTICIPATED IN SUCH FIELDS AS ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. LOCAL MEDIA REACTION TO CABINET CHOICES HAS BEEN POSITIVE. IN ADDITION TO WIDESPREAD ACCLAIM FOR APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY VANCE (REF B), CABINET HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS HIGHLY EXPERIENCED AND LIKELY TO PROMOTE POLICY CONTINUITY WITH EARLIER ADMINISTRATIONS. APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO UN HAS ATTRACTED SPECIAL ATTENTION AS INDICATION OF GROWING U.S. INTEREST IN AFRICA AND THIRD WORLD. ALSO FAVORABLY NOTED HAVE BEEN NEW INFORMALITY AND HUMAN TOUCH OF PRESIDENT IN STYLE OF LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL RELATIONS.

4. IN SUM, MOROCCAN EXPECTATIONS FOR THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION REMAIN HIGH. CONTINUING EXCELLENT US-MOROCCAN RELATIONS ARE TAKEN FOR GRANTED, AND, WHILE SOME RESERVE PERSISTS REGARDING U.S. ATTITUDES ON THE MIDDLE EAST, INITIAL U.S. MOVES TO CONTACT ARAB LEADERS ARE VIEWED HERE AS VERY MUCH A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.  
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